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1. The North Korean troops have completed defense works along the North Bank of the Taedong-gang (大同江) in an attempt to consolidate defense of the P'yongyang area. These defenses are centered on P'yongyang and extend about 30 km. along the Taedong-gang from Sadong (寺洞) in the east to Taep'yong (太平) in the west. Details concerning these defense works are as follows:
  - a. The First Defense Line consists of trenches parallel to the river and about 1 km. from its northern bank. These trenches are over 2 meters wide and about 1½ meters deep. Steel framework has been laid over the top of the trenches, then covered with dirt as camouflage. An open space is left at the front of the trench to facilitate observation and shooting.
  - b. Zigzag tunnels have been constructed in the space about 3-5 km. north of the river bank. These tunnels are constructed of reinforced concrete, are about 3 meters deep and 4 meters wide. The bottom of these tunnels is 10 meters below the surface of the ground. Heavy guns can be moved through the tunnels. Tunnels which lead to the surface have been built about every 100-200 meters, and fortifications have been built where they reach the surface. Large pill boxes (子母) have been built every 1000 meters. These mark entrances or exits to the main tunnels. They are all built of reinforced concrete and steel plates, and the walls are over 2 meters thick.
  - c. The internal height of these fortifications is from 4-5 meters, but over half of this is underground. The external surface of the forts are covered by dirt and careful observation is required to distinguish them from mounds of earth about 3 meters high.

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- d. About 30 underground storage rooms have been built on both sides of the tunnel. These hold arms, ammunition and food. They are of various sizes and the large ones are about 5 meters wide and 30 meters long.
  - e. Electricity has been installed for lighting and telephones have been installed for communications purposes inside this network of fortifications.
2. These fortifications can be distinguished as follows:
- a. Taep'yŏng is the first railroad station west of P'yongyang, about 10 km. from the city. Sadong is located about 10 km. upstream from P'yongyang. The defenses described above are within this area, extended back from the river about 6 km. Other defense works have been built behind these, but they are not included as part of the River Defense Works.
  - b. The communications trenches are slightly higher than ground surface and traces of them are barely observable. Some scattered mounds of earth are seen in the area about 3-5 km. from these trenches; they appear to be mounds of earth slightly higher than the surface having posts resembling telegraph poles near them. These mounds are defense fortifications.

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